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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action of March 03, 2010 issued in relation to the present Patent Application, the Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination and the below Remarks.

Claims 10-14, 17-21, 23 and 25-27 are presented for examination. Claims 10 and 17 are independent claims.

Regarding 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 Rejections

Claims 10-11, 14, 17-21, 23, and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hiroshi (JP 2002-312149).

Claims 12, 13, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi in view of Vagui (US 6,474,882), and further in view of Sesek et al. (US 2004/0085568).

Examiner's 35 USC 102(e) rejection over Hiroshi appears to be based upon the fact that the system disclosed in Hiroshi achieves a result similar to that achieved by the claimed invention, that being that printing at the printer is initiated by pressing a button on the printer. Applicant acknowledges that the result achieved the system disclosed in Hiroshi is similar to that achieved by the claimed invention, but maintains that Hiroshi fails to disclose the mechanism used in the claimed invention to achieve that similar result.

As set out by the Examiner in the Advisory Action, **the function** caused by input of a combination of a specific key is now called by depressing a print button on the printer. The function, as set out in paragraph [0020] of Hiroshi, is that of sending the drawing data for printing to the printer driver. Accordingly, printing may be achieved by either input of a combination of a specific key at the computer or pressing a button on the printer.

Applicant is not claiming the ability to print by depressing a button on the printer. Applicant

Applicant repeats the request made in the Response filed on February 4, 2010:

In the event that the Office maintains the 35 USC 102(e) rejection over Hiroshi, Applicant respectfully requests, in the interests of compact prosecution, that the Examiner

clearly identify on the record and with sufficient specificity where in Hiroshi it is taught that the printer driver <u>simulates</u> a keyboard sequence in an application program which is capable of displaying or generating the document being printed. Hiroshi merely teaches that the pressing of the print button results in print data being sent to the printer driver, or simulating the result achieved through pressing a keyboard sequence. In the claimed invention the simulation of a keyboard sequence has to be sent to the application program, not merely achieving the same result.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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